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In Re.: **Blake Earl Hayward**

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Ref: Case Docket No.: **P3953**

Serial No.: **09/661,589**

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Subject: **Network-Based Verification and Fraud-Prevention System**

To: Commissioner of Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND  
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136**

Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of one (1) month, to respond to the office action letter mailed in the above-referenced case on 09/02/2004, for which a 3-month shortened statutory period was set to expire on 12/02/2004. This requested extension extends the time for response to 01/02/2005. As, 01/02/2005, fell on a Sunday the effected period of response would be 01/03/2005.

☒ The petitioner is an established small entity.

☒ A check for \$60.00 is enclosed for the extension fee.

Respectfully submitted,  
Blake Earl Hayward

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